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FOR SCHMIDT FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL (MESSAGE FOR GOVERNOR HARRIMAN FROM
AMBASSADOR)

1. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM HIM TO GOVERNOR HARRIMAN ASAP:

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR GOVERNOR: IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE
FOR MARLENE AND MYSELF TO SEE YOU, PAMELA, AND DAVID,
AND TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WATCH A REAL EXPERT IN ACTION.
YOUR SHORT VISIT DID MORE TO OPEN DOORS FOR ME THAN ANY-
THING ELSE THAT HAS TRANSPIRED HERE SINCE I HAVE BEEN
IN BELGRADE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE
IT AND HOW MUCH I ADMIRE THE SUPERB WAY YOU DEALT WITH
THE YUGOSLAVS.

3. GIVEN THE NEED TO MOVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR VISIT
TO COVER THE CLOSING OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE I
HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT DELAYED BOTH IN WRITING YOU AND IN
COMPLETING THE MEMCON. BY THIS MESSAGE I TAKE CARE OF
THE FIRST OBLIGATION; THE MEMCON WILL BE IN THE MAIL TO
YOU WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS (USING THE SYSTEM YOU
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HAVE WORKED OUT WITH GEORGE VEST).

4. YOUR LETTER TO PRESIDENT TITO HAS BEEN DELIVERED;
I WOULD SUGGEST BRIEF THANK YOU LETTERS ALSO SHOULD GO
TO THE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MR. LAH, TO THE
FOREIGN SECRETARY MR. VRHOVEC, AND TO FEDERAL ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT MARKOVIC. IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD GIVE

EACH ONE OF THEM, AS WELL, AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF YOUR BOOK. EUR/EE, I KNOW, WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE TO GET THE BOOKS TO ME. SINCE ALL THREE ARE NOW ON VACATION THE LETTERS COULD BE SENT WITH THE BOOKS IN THE POUCH. IF YOU PREFER, OF COURSE, THE LETTERS CAN BE CABLED TO ME FOR EARLIER DELIVERY.

5. BELOW ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS TO THE THREE GENTLEMEN INVOLVED:

6. BEGIN TEXT SUGGESTED LETTER TO MR. LAH.
MR. ANTON LAH, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, BELGRADE.
DEAR MR. LAH: MY WIFE, GRANDSON AND I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE MANY COURTESIES EXTENDED BY YOU DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. OUR SEVERAL DAYS IN DUBROVNIK WERE A WELCOME REST IN THE MIDST OF A HECTIC SERIES OF VISITS AND GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AREAS IN THE WORLD. MY VISIT WITH PRESIDENT TITO, WHICH YOU WERE SO INSTRUMENTAL IN ARRANGING, WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY TRAVELS AND IS AN EVENT I SHALL NOT SOON FORGET. AND YOUR KINDNESS IN SEEING US OFF AT THE BELGRADE AIRPORT WAS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

7. MY FAMILY JOINS ME IN THANKING YOU FOR EVERYTHING
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YOU DID FOR US. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.
SINCERELY, END TEXT LETTER TO MR. LAH

8. BEGIN TEXT SUGGESTED LETTER TO VRHOVEC. HIS EXCELLENCY JOSIP VRHOVEC, FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, BELGRADE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: IT WAS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AGAIN AND TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN SUCH DETAIL YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS AND INTERESTS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME YOU TOOK FROM A BUSY SCHEDULE TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH ME AND APPRECIATE HOW DIFFICULT IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU TO BREAK AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

9. AS I TOLD YOU WHEN WE MET, I HAVE LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV-U.S. RELATIONS AND AM DEEPLY PLEASED THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG SO WELL. MY MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT TITO, WITH YOU, AND WITH MR. MARKOVIC CONFIRMED MY BELIEF THAT SO LONG AS AMERICANS AND YUGOSLAVS TALK TO EACH OTHER OPENLY AND FRANKLY THE COURSE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN.

10. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY IN SEEING ME. SINCERELY, END TEXT LETTER TO VRHOVEC

11. BEGIN TEXT SUGGESTED LETTER TO MARKOVIC. HIS EXCELLENCY DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, BELGRADE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: MY WIFE AND GRANDSON JOIN ME IN THANKING YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. I ENJOYED MY VERY PRODUCTIVE AND INTERESTING DISCUSSION WITH YOU; THE LUNCHEON YOU GAVE US FOLLOWING THAT CONVERSATION WAS MADE EVEN MORE MEMORABLE BY
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THE BEAUTIFUL LOCATION.

12. I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WENT SO WELL AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU WHEN NEXT YOU CAN FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. I WAS SINCERE WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT THE VISIT OF YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HAD MADE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPRESSION ON ALL WITH WHOM YOU MET HERE. IT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE WISDOM OF YOUR REMARKS DURING OUR LUNCHEON MEETING THAT FRANK DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US CAN ONLY SERVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

13. ONCE AGAIN, YOU HAVE THE THANKS OF MY FAMILY AND MYSELF FOR YOUR COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY. SINCERELY, END TEXT LETTER TO MARKOVIC. END TEXT MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR HARRIMAN FROM AMBASSADOR.
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